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# ENGINEERS IN SPORTS

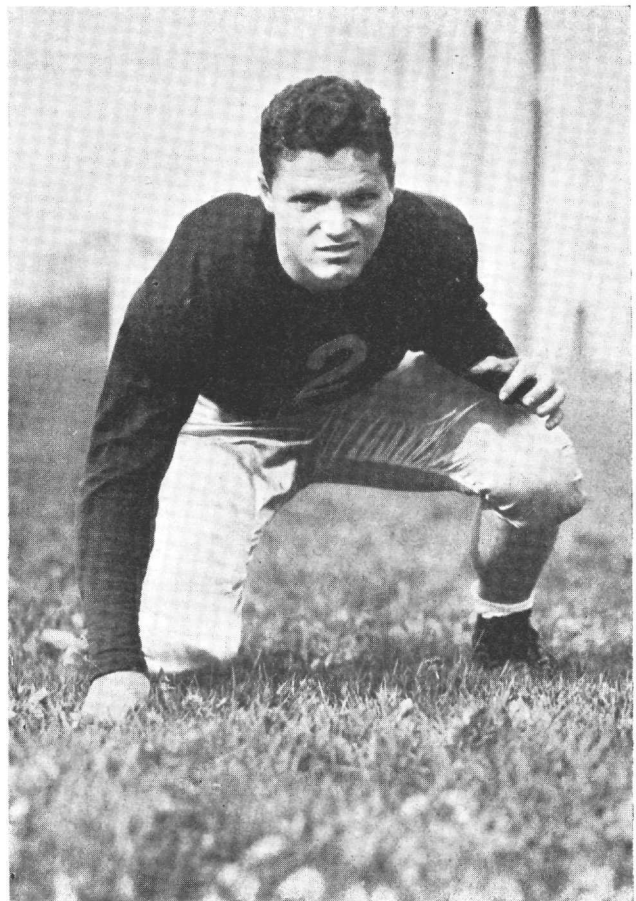
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## Ed Hofmayer

**E**D HOFMAYER came to Ohio State from Bexley High School, where he was prominent both as an athlete and a scholar. Under the able coaching of Carlton Smith, Hofmayer developed into a stalwart of the Bexley team which tied for the Central Buckeye League championship during his junior year and won that title when he was a senior. Even after three years of competition in the powerful Big Ten, Ed still goes back to his high school days for the most thrilling moments of his football career.

As has been the case for most of the athletically inclined engineers, Ed has shown a great deal of versatility in sports. His six foot, 195 pound frame has, as we all know, been well fitted for the rough driving type of play so necessary to bring victory in the Western Conference where only once in a lifetime does a miniature sized player make a success. Being the possessor of speed, as well as height and ruggedness, Ed has also had a great deal of success in track, baseball, basketball, and swimming—quite a list of recreational activities for any one man. Here, however, Ed's only major athletic endeavor has been football, although he has played some intramural basketball.

Playing football is only a secondary reason for Ed's enrollment at Ohio State University. We are happy to



say that he is one of the more intelligent boys of the Civil Engineering Department. His grades were high enough during his freshman year to make him eligible for Phi Eta Sigma, and since that time he has kept his point-hour in the neighborhood of 3.0, even though much of his time has been taken by athletics and other activities. Incidentally, one of these is the Quadrangle Jesters in which he has performed notably as a member of the well known beef-trust chorus.

After two years of substituting, Hofmayer has really shown that he can deliver the goods in this, his final year of varsity football competition. Although he has been pressed closely by his fellow engineer, Frank Smith, and by Bill Nosker for the right guard post, Ed has been able to start several of the Buckeye games. In those in which he was not playing at the kickoff it was not long before he was called upon to help open holes in the opponent's line for the Ohio backs or to stave off an enemy goal line drive.

Although Ed's playing has been of professional caliber, he puts thumbs down on any professional football offer which he might receive. Instead he intends to go directly into the practice of civil engineering.

All of us know that Ed's loss due to graduation will be felt greatly by the football squad, and we hate to see

him leave us. However, if he does as well in his work as he has done in his football playing, we feel that nothing but the utmost of success can be due him.

### Thomas Welbaum

Let us introduce another engineer who is making a name for himself in sports as well as in the technical world, Tommy Welbaum. Tom is a Junior in chemical engineering and a second year man on the football squad. Standing 5 feet 10 inches and weighing only 165 pounds, Welbaum was the lightest man on the Buck roster during the past season. However, this dearth of beef does not handicap him, for he is also one of the speediest runners in the Big Ten. Incidentally, Tom is 21 years old, married, and has a son.

Welbaum is a graduate of North High in Akron, where he earned quite a reputation as an athlete. During his high school days he was awarded eight letters for athletic achievement. Playing on the same football team at North was another fellow destined to become a Buck luminary, Johnny Rabb. Between them quite a team record was established—only one loss being chalked up against them in two years. Strangely enough, basketball brought Welbaum more fame in high school than football. In his senior year he was captain of the team which mowed down all opposition in gaining the State basketball crown. For his work on the quintet, Welbaum was named on the 1935 All-Ohio basketball team.

Sports did not attract all of Tommy's attention at Akron North. Scholastically, he did very well—being selected for the National Honor Society Chapter of his school. Also his popularity among his classmates was rewarded when he was elected president of the Senior class. Dancing and the old American pastime, poker, are his principal diversions.

Here at State, Tom's football program has soaked up most of the time left over from his engineering curriculum. Despite the fact that the Bucks had an overabundance of backfield material this year, Welbaum has played quite a bit of football. He made a twisting touchdown run in the Chicago game, and on several other occasions he exhibited considerable speed and the ability to pick holes. Next year, with a little interference ahead of him, he should really get going.

In his opinion of opponents during the past season, Welbaum states:

"Of the many first class linemen we have faced in the eight games, Haack of Indiana was probably the hardest to deal with. Our gang had trouble with him all afternoon. And in the backfield that Brock of Purdue was one sweet ball carrier. He is a runner of the shifty type, quick to charge an opening, and hard to bring down in the open field."

Tom Welbaum has rather definite plans for his engineering future. Being a resident of Akron, the Rubber Center of America, he will probably enter the employ of one of the rubber plants in the capacity of a chemical engineer.

### THOMAS WELBAUM

